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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
KIKAWA et al.) Unit 2826
Application Number: 10/772,294)
Filed: February 6, 2004)
For: LASER DIODE AND MANUFACTURING)
METHOD THEREOF)
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COVER LETTER

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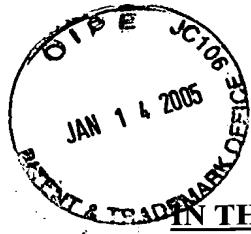
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004, the period for response to which will expire on January 17, 2005. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Group II (Claims 9-11) without traverse.